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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD

ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

BOROUGH

FOR THE YEAR 1961.



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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1961.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for the year 1961.

The birth rate for the year is slightly above that for the previous year and is, of course, well below the national figure. The death rate is above that of previous years but compares well with the national figure.

The main causes of death continue to be diseases of the heart and circulatory system, with malignant diseases taking second place.

Apart from measles, the Borough was very free from infectious disease.

Immunisation against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and smallpox have all continued throughout the year, either by the family doctor or at the infant welfare centre. Response to these continues to be good.

There has been a further increase in the Home Help Service provided within the Borough, over 6,000 hours of help having been carried out by the eleven Home Helps now employed within the Borough. Most of this help has been to old people, thus enabling them to continue living in their own homes, instead of having to go into some form of institutionalised accommodation.

I would refer you to the Public Health Inspector's report for details of the Sanitary work carried out during the year.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you, Mr. Mayor, and Members of the Council, for your support during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Registrar-General's estimated population (mid 1961)	2,200
Number of inhabited houses as at 31st December, 1961	1,008
Rateable value as at 31st December, 1961	£42,282

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate	5	7	12
	Illegitimate	-	1	1
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		5	8	13
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				Comparative figure
				for England & Wale
BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated resident population		6.0 (Unadjusted)		
		9.06 (Adjusted)		17.4
STILLBIRTHS		Nil		
DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated resident population		19.9 (Unadjusted)		
		12.4 (Adjusted)		12.0
DEATHS OF INFANTS under ONE YEAR of age		Nil		
DEATHS OF INFANTS under FOUR WEEKS of age		Nil		
DEATHS OF INFANTS under ONE WEEK of age		Nil		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	2
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6
Diabetes	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5
Coronary disease, angina	15
Hypertension with heart disease	1
Other heart disease	3
Pneumonia	2
Bronchitis	1
Ulcer of stomach - duodenum	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1
Motor vehicle accidents	-
All other accidents	1
Suicide	2
Total	43

COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Population	2200	2370	2370	2380	2400
Births	13	14	17	15	20
Birth rate per 1,000 (Unadjusted)	6.0	5.9	7.2	6.3	8.3
(Adjusted)	9.06	8.9	10.8	9.5	12.6
Deaths	43	34	36	38	42
Death rate per 1,000 (Unadjusted)	19.9	14.3	15.2	16.0	17.5
(Adjusted)	12.4	8.8	9.1	10.0	10.7

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year, with a comparison of previous years:-

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>
Measles	28	30	5	45
Pneumonia	10	10	12	12
Whooping Cough	2	1	-	30
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	2	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	1
Malaria	-	-	-	1

MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING.

The midwifery and home nursing service continued as in previous years.

Below is a summary of the work covered by Miss A. Flowerdew. It will be seen that midwifery calls for a small portion of her time as opposed to time spent in nursing patients aged 65 years and over.

Midwifery.

<u>Deliveries</u>	<u>Midwifery Nursings</u>	<u>Ante-natal Visits</u>
6	180	82

Home Nursing.

<u>New Patients</u>	<u>New Patients over 65 years</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Visits to Patients over 65 years</u>
60	40	1,482	1,100

HEALTH VISITING

The vacancy for a Health Visitor continued from 1960 until April, 1961, when Mrs. C. Carr-Jones was transferred at her own request from an area in the county.

Health Visiting (Contd).

Routine visiting to the homes of children under 5 years of age was once again undertaken. Also, Miss B. Broughton was relieved of the necessity of travelling from Beccles to attend the Infant Welfare Centre twice a month. Her willingness to keep active this clinic for the year April 1960 to April 1961, in addition to her own busy area, is appreciated and hereby acknowledged.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

<u>Old</u>	<u>Prior 1961</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Prior 1961</u>	<u>Hours</u>
21	11	1	1	6,018½
<u>Maternity</u>	<u>Prior 1961</u>			
-	-			

Number of Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1961 - 11

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>MALES</u>		<u>FEMALES</u>		
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Number of cases on the Register at 31st Dec. 1960	4	-	4	1	9
Number of cases added during the year	1	-	-	-	1
Number of cases removed during the year -	-	-	1	-	1
Number of cases on the Register at 31st Dec 1961	5	-	3	1	9

Cases Added to the Register.

New notifications - 1
Inward transfers - -

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Cases Removed from the Register.

Recovered - Nil
Died - Nil
Removed to other areas - 1

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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1961.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration of the Borough and the work done during the year 1961.

WATER SUPPLY.

A wholesome and sufficient supply of water for all requirements has been maintained throughout the year by the Southwold Waterworks Company Limited. 6 samples taken during the year have been satisfactory.

RAINFALL.

The total rainfall during the year was 22.58 ins., there being 217 days without and 148 days with some rain. September was the wettest month with a total of 2.96 ins., but January had the most days with rain, there being 22 days, most of which were only light falls.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The main sewerage scheme has worked reasonably well. The major works envisaged in the joint scheme for a new sewage disposal works capable of dealing with the sewage of Southwold and parts of Reydon and Walberswick are still receiving careful consideration and progress has been made in the discussions over various technical details.

All drains are examined before being covered and smoke and water tests applied where applicable. One new house was connected to the sewers.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Acts of vandalism and misuse of the various public conveniences in the District have not been as great as those in my previous report. Temporary conveniences near the Boating Lakes were constructed and put into use until such time as the permanent ones sited near the Pier Pavilion are completed.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The house refuse collection service is now operating satisfactorily. During the height of the summer season heavy demands are made on this service, but in most cases the service was adequate.

All refuse is tipped and kept under control at our tip situate near the Gasometer Works. This site, as previously reported, will have to be considered anew when our proposed new sewage works to be sited on the adjoining land is finally planned, as some extension of the site will be necessary in a few years time.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1961 (including Dwellinghouses).

During the year 346 premises were visited, of which 141 were dwellinghouses and 205 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 47 defects or nuisances were found and 74 were abated. To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 35 informal notices were served upon the owners or agents concerned, in addition to personal interviews by the Public Health Inspector.

SHOP ACT, 1950: SECTION 38.

During the year two shops closed, so there are now 93 shops in the District, which are visited periodically. There were no contraventions.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Number of factory chimneys in the district	3
" " observations taken	6
" " legal proceedings taken	0

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	27	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	14	25	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	12	Nil	Nil
<u>TOTAL</u>	41	64	Nil	Nil

Factories Acts 1937 to 1959 (Contd.).

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.					Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)		By H.M. Inspector (5)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-	-	
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<u>TOTAL</u>	3	3	-	-	-	-	

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

No slaughtering takes place within the district, but the Public Health Inspector assists the Lothingland Rural District Council by inspecting all animals slaughtered at a slaughterhouse situated at Reydon.

Other Foods Inspection.

The following tinned foods were inspected, condemned and destroyed being unfit for human consumption:-

	<u>lbs.</u>
3 tins (4lb) Chopped Pork	12
2 " (2lb) Luncheon Meat	4
2 " (10lb) Lambs Livers	20
4 " (4lb) Pork Luncheon Meat	16
2 " (6lb) Lunch Tongue	12
1 " Gammon Ham	2
1 " Corned Beef	6
24 " (8ozs) Frankfurter Sausages in Brine	12
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<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>84 lbs.</u>

Food Premises.

No. of premises	59
No. of inspections made	52
No. of premises found unsatisfactory	2
No. rendered satisfactory	2

No. of Premises registered under Sct. 16 Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Ice Cream - Manufacture	0
Ice Cream - Storage or sale only	16
Sausages, preserved foods, &c.	4

DAIRIES AND RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK.

There are two local dairies which are periodically inspected and are kept under good conditions.

Dealers licences authorising the use of special Designations of Milk as follows - Tuberculin Tested (2), Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised (1), Pasteurised (1), were issued.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND BAKERIES.

These have been found to be satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL - PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Prevalence of Rats and Mice.

Type of Property.	Total.	Notified by Occupier	Other -wise.	Recor -ded.	Rats Major.	Rats Minor.	Mice Only.
Local Authority Dwellinghouses	3 1027	- 59	3 35	3 59	3 -	- 59	- -
Business	273	18	3	2	-	2	-
Agricultural	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1303	77	41	64	3	61	-

Measures of Control by Local Authority.

Type of Property.	Number Inspected.	Number of Inspections.	Number of Notices Served: Section 4. Treatments.	Works.
Local Authority	3	25	0	0
Dwellinghouses	59	217	0	0
Business	2	93	0	0
Agricultural	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	64	335	0	0

Type of Property	Number of Treatments carried out		Block treatment of properties in different occupancies under Sect. 6(1) or by informal arrangements.				
	By arrangement with owner.	Under Section	No. of Surface Associated Sewers		Blocks.	No. of separate occupancies.	No. of manholes treated.
		5(1)	Rats.	Mice			
	Rats. only	Mice only					
Local Authority	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dwellinghouses	59	0	0	0	0	0	8
Business	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agricultural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	69	0	0	0	0	0	8

HOUSING.

New Houses.

Number of new houses erected by Local Authority	Nil
Number of new houses erected by private enterprise	1
Number of houses demolished by informal action	Nil
Number of families rehoused from unfit houses	Nil.

Improvement Grants.

Number of Improvement Grants approved during the year.

Discretionary - 11 Standard - Nil..

Disinfections, &c.

Number of Premises disinfected	Nil
Number of Premises disinfested	1

Moveable Dwellings.

Number of sites licensed - 1	
Number of individual licences - Nil.	
Number of inspections - 50	
Number of Moveable Dwellings (a) for holiday use - 100	
(b) residential use - NONE.	

G.OAKES..

Public Health Inspector.

October, 1962.

